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NON - COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some railway projects after making huge investment were left out without completion and new projects were taken up;

(b): If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether such actions caused spreading of scarce resources very thinly without any return for high investment;

(d) If so, whether the Railways would reverse this process by making the prioritization of the projects or strengthen high density network so that quick remuneration starts flowing; and

(e) If so, the steps taken by the Railways to mobilize additional resources for its expansion schemes ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir. However, taking up of new projects is a continuous exercise on operational and other considerations.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, prioritization of projects has already been done for gauge conversion and new line projects in which priority has been accorded to completion of last mile projects and other operationally required projects. The projects related with high density network are also being accorded higher priority.

(e): A number of initiatives have been taken by Ministry of Railways for generating additional resources like funding through public Private Partnership, Cost-Sharing by State Government, funding through Ministry of Defence and National Projects.